

liberality, the deep interest of the people. The congregation, in addition to building the church, bought also a large farm, and, as the result of the sale is so ample, it is said that they propose to proceed with the erection of a manse. The church is as elegant, substantial and comfortable a place of worship, as could be desired. It is seated for about 800, but will hold a great many more. What zeal does all this evince on the part of our people! What capabilities of good have they exhibited in the erection, in the times of their spiritual destitution, of such noble houses of prayer! May God make these edifices lovely in the beauties of holiness.

NEW CHURCH AT BARNEY'S RIVER.

This church is, we understand, nearly completed. It will be opened, it is believed, in the month of January. As far as a cursory view of it, when in an unfinished state, would permit us to form an opinion, we would pronounce it equal to the rest in comfort and elegance.

CHANGE IN THE EDITORIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE "MONTHLY RECORD."

Because of the resolution of the late *Record*-Committee to discontinue the publication of the magazine, the Committee of Synod requested me to take charge of it. This I agreed to do for the space of a twelvemonth. My principal motive in this agreement was a desire to see the periodical established on a sound and self-supporting basis, and my difficulties were inexperience in such work and the engrossing nature of other engagements. That I might contribute my share, however, to the work of maintaining our institutions and upholding our Zion in her useful career, I undertook the labor, as a temporary arrangement, intended to pave the way for one more permanent.

The term above-mentioned has expired, and with the publication of this number ceases my connection with the paper, as editor. I have endeavored to make it, not merely a general repository, but a magazine of the Church of Scotland, and thus possessed of its own denominational importance, as a contribution to the ecclesiastical literature of the day. I have made applications to every quarter I could think of, with the view of opening up original sources of instruction. I have, also, endeavored to make its readers acquainted with the doings of other churches, wherever there was room for the admission of such matter. I have endeavored to urge faithfully upon our own church the performance of her part in the great division of labor, which the separation of the Church of Christ into sections imposes upon each division of the grand army of the faithful, and while freely discussing principles, it has never been my aim to engender a sectarian spirit. Alas! it is not so much principles as hatreds that divide the churches and

hinder the overflow and triumph of Christian love. Towards every minister and congregation I have, in my management of this paper, endeavored to maintain the strictest impartiality and strengthen every brother's hands in his peculiar sphere of labor. These are the things at which I have aimed, and it is for others to say how far they have been reached.

The ministers and others, who have kindly contributed, deserve my thanks. To mention names would be, however gratifying to me, an invidious proceeding: but I believe that it is unnecessary, as the readers of the *Record* know tolerably well who are the persons that have aided in this pious adventure. We cannot refrain from pointing to our "*Scotch Correspondent*," however, as an example of one who by his willingness to enlist in the service, the punctuality and sensible instructive tenor of his letters has imposed on us a debt of gratitude. I can only wish these kind friends the same pleasurable feelings as I experience at the remembrance of our having been associated in a good work. To others, who might reasonably have been expected to lend a helping hand, but have not, I wish the full benefit of their own hopeful self-congratulations, and food for the support of their souls and bodies of a more substantial nature than their barren apologies.

Much needs to be done for the further support of this magazine, and I may be allowed to say, that I think we should all combine heartily for this purpose. It is a delightful circumstance that for this year the services of a most accomplished and competent gentleman have been secured for the editorial department, and all, who know Principal Costley, will agree with me that it could not have fallen into better hands. Still, however able a man is, he cannot make news, and it is news that make a "*Record*." Little scraps of information are precisely the thing wanted, and any man can send such. Every occurrence of a religious character, in our church especially, should find its way through some friendly hand to the pages of the *Monthly Record*. The list of subscribers should also be doubled. Every reader should find another. Just look at the Table of Statistics, and behold what a shameful column is that exhibiting the circulation of *Records* in each congregation! This is the time for agents making up correct lists, collecting the money and transmitting the whole to the secretary. Now is the time for ministers to bring the matter before their congregations, and appoint persons who may visit *every family* and obtain subscribers. Unless there is a change for the better, before the end of next year there is no doubt but the publication must be discontinued. The gentlemen of the Lay Association will justly consider that they have done their part, and leave with others the responsibility of this loss to the church. Let us all, then, be up and doing, in this and every other matter of importance to the well-being and prosperity of our Zion.

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